(e) the proposals for controlling Naxalism?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) The information is being obtained from the affected States and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various methods and taken concrete steps in this regard. At the Central level, action is taken to facilitate coordination of the anti-naxalite operations of different States and to improve flow of information useful for control of naxalite activities among the States. Further, help is being provided to the State Governments in terms of financial assistance for modernisation of policy, supply of improved weapons, deployment of para-military forces etc.

(c) and (d) The information is being obtained from the affected States and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) The Government is attaching high priority to containing the menace of left extremist activities by a double pronged strategy of strict law enforcement, side by side with special development impetus in the affected areas. The Central Government has asked the State Governments to take purposive, well coordinated and integrated action plan which should include, among others, intensification of development activities, rapid improvement in roads and communications implementation of land reforms. The Central Government is also imparting appropriate training to the State police as and when requested by them.

SC ruling to help speedy trial

3023. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of recent Supreme Court ruling that "the valuable time of the trial court should not be wasted for holding a trial only for the purpose of formally completing the procedure to pronounce for conclusion of a future date";

(b) whether Government propose to direct the State Governments of advise the trial courts under them to implement the ruling forthwith so as to reduce the large number of cases pending with them and to identify all the cases that can be brought under ruling and closed an dnot admitted in future; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under Article 141 of the Constitution of India, the law declared by the Supreme Court shall be binding on all courts within the territory of India.

Increase in towel exports

3024. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are making any special efforts to increase towel exports;

(b) whether any efforts have been made to facilitate towel exports from Maharashtra and other States; and

(c) the annual foreign exchange earned from towel exports during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) In order to exports of textiles, including towels, from all parts of the country, Government have been taking a number of steps, which include encouraging exporters to participate in buyer-seller meets, fairs and exhibitions; enabling import of capital goods at concessional duty for export production; special arrangements for duty free import of raw materials for export production; ensuring increased availability of export credit etc.

(c) The figures of towel exports during 1994, 1995 and period January-June, 1996 are given below:

	Exports (in Rs. crores)
1994	265.10
1995	414.71
1996 (January-June)	283.42